

EDITORIALS

An Election Choice

There is an important school board election in Torrance next Tuesday when a field of nine candidates will seek two positions as members of the Board of Education, Torrance Unified School District.

The past weeks have seen more interest in the election than is common and it appears now as though there will be a somewhat greater turnout of registered voters than is usual in school board elections.

Interest is occasioned by the current national controversy over educational methods employed in this and most other school districts across the nation and a strong feeling by some that the Torrance schools, in particular, need some changes.

Two incumbents—Atty. *Charlton Mewborn* and *Clinton Cooke*—are standing on their records and thereby indicate that they favor continuing present Board policies. They have strong backing.

The seven other candidates favor changes in the local system and two in particular have made their position clear whenever the situation presented itself, notably before public audiences and in print.

William Boswell and *Robert H. Ellis* seem to have made effective and impressive campaigns. Mr. Boswell has stated that he is "no post-sputnik critic" because his interest in the schools caused him to run for the Board on one other occasion. He has been a resident of Torrance for 11 years and with his wife has been active in the civic and social life of the community. He has been speaking for an expansion of the vocational arts program in the schools and in the introduction of definite standards of achievement.

Mr. Ellis believes that the academic standards of the schools should be and can be strengthened, especially at the high school level. He calls for a "shift in Torrance from the emphasis on building school buildings to an emphasis on educating the students."

We think the voters who go to the polls have here a choice between two philosophies. On the one hand the incumbents—Mewborn and Cooke—feel the present system is adequately fulfilling the needs of the community and on the other, Candidates Boswell and Ellis who believe there is a need for some changes.

The people of the community, notably the taxpayers, and the parents of children attending the public schools, can express themselves at the polls next Tuesday. They should not miss this opportunity and responsibility of their citizenship in this community.

Opinions of Others

Government should be like your stomach. If it's working right, you don't know you have it.—*Brownsville (Pa.) Telegraph.*

We were greatly pleased when one of our readers challenged one of our editorials in a most vehement manner. That, in our mind, was the best recommendation we could have had for writing editorials.—*Phillips (Wis.) The Bee.*

There's a modern parable about a troubled old king who summoned his wisest counselors and instructed them to prepare a simple text on economic principles which the people might understand. The wise men came back in a year with 67 volumes, profusely illustrated with graphs and charts. But a venerable old patriarch came forward with his appraisal—eight little words: "There ain't no such thing as a free lunch."—*Washington (Iowa) Journal.*

Sack or chemise dresses are the subject of much comment, and Martha Tamby of the Miller Press believes they've solved the age-old question of whether women dress to please men, other women, or themselves. The answer is nobody.—*Mobridge (S.D.) Tribune.*

Progress will come to an end when children agree with the views of their parents.—*Lebanon (Ohio) Western Star.*

Great nations wedded to the ideals of freedom and democracy cannot devise policy solely on the grounds of its psychological effects abroad. Our task is to pursue our goals of peace and liberty with all the honesty and energy and wisdom we can muster. We must hope that this will spell good propaganda. But where it does not, we still cannot be dissuaded from our path if it is right.—*Fort Pierce (Fla.) News-Tribune.*

Government financing is puzzling to the average citizen under any circumstances. It is especially difficult trying to figure out how taxes could be cut, more billions spent, and the budget balanced all at one time.

—*Beaver Falls (Pa.) News-Tribune*

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REYNOLDS KNIGHT

Are Buying Needs Saturated?

Some economists theorize that there has been a "saturation" of buying desires following the postwar spending spurge, and that this is a major cause of the recession. However, polling a cross-section of executives, factory workers, young marrieds and even retired people shows that almost all have a hankering right now to buy one or more big-ticket items. Still, very few are actually planning to buy now or in the next few months. Most commonly given reasons: high prices, lack of ready cash, and an unwillingness to dip into savings or go into debt.

Prices clearly are deterring many from buying what they say they want. Most hope they'll get better deals later on. In cases where consumers are cutting their spending—even those who haven't been hit by layoffs or cuts in wages or salaries—it's not because they lack ready cash. They are saving more than a year ago. Mutual savings bank deposits rose \$719 million, or 2.2 per cent, in the first quarter, compared with a 1.4 per cent rise a year earlier.

On the other hand, some industries are finding that this is really a good time to buy. Capital outlays in the steel industry, for example, are higher than a year ago, and many companies are pushing substantial building programs.

COST CUTTER — The necessity of paring costs all along the line from producer to consumer continues to spawn interesting developments in industrial operations.

Flame cutting machine installations are a backbone of the steel fabricating industry because of their ability to reproduce intricate patterns in plates or blocks of steel. But costly templates, or patterns, are needed to guide the cutting torches. Now, available for the first time is an electronic line tracer for use on U. S. flame-cutting machines. It permits metal-cutting machines to "read" or scan ordinary pen or pencil line drawings. This reduces the cost of pattern preparation at least 75 per cent in comparison with other electronic systems, which require a more complex, half-black/half-white area to follow.

The new device was announced by the National Cylinder Gas Division of Chemtron Corp. The unit — an adaptation of optical sensing systems — was developed for NCG flame-cutting machines by Canadian Westinghouse Co., Ltd. The new tracer has a photo-transistor scanner that can follow pencil lines no more than 40/1000ths of an inch wide at whatever speed the thickness and nature of the metal indicate.

THINGS TO COME — A garment holder that fits all sedan models keeps the clothes out of the rear-view mirror's line of vision and

can be installed easily without tools... For rocket hobbyists, there's a 40-page manual called "Rocket Experiment Safety" which describes the chief areas of danger for the amateur and tells how to avoid them... A porcelain patch kit provides a simple way to touch up chipped, worn or scratched spots on sinks, stoves, refrigerators and other appliances.

HOME NEED TO SOAR — A study of the nation's population trends indicates clearly that home building in this country should continue at a high level for more than a decade, according to the Title Council of America. Births reached a new peak of 4.3 million in 1957; it was the seventh consecutive year to set a new record.

"This marks the difference in our present housing market compared to the housing boom of the 1920's," said Richard B. Alexander, president of the Title Council, an association of manufacturers who produce 90 per cent of the ceramic wall and floor tile in this country. The increased rate of construction in the '20s took place in the face of a steady decline in the birth rate, whereas building of the current decade is rising along with a steadily increasing birth rate." Alexander points out, "The present increased birth rate has occurred mainly in second, third and fourth children. In the past 15 years first births rose 23 per cent, while second births rose 75 per cent, third births soared 124 per cent and fourth births 116 per cent."

"A trend to larger families is creating a population pressure that will have a tremendous impact on the building industry reaching far into the

LAW IN ACTION

Unsolved Problems

For centuries men wanted perfect laws. For them, change was sacrifice.

For example, the Romans enjoyed the fiction that their law merely interpreted their first changeless, Ten Tables.

Today we know that no lawgivers can foresee how their laws may fail, and so we provide for basic changes in our Constitution, and by two methods:

1. By a two-thirds vote of each House, Congress may send a proposed amendment to the state legislatures for ratification.

2. As yet unused, the second method would allow Congress "on the application of the legislatures of two-thirds of the several states" to call a convention for proposing amendments.

Trying to follow the second method, the lawmakers of 32 states — or two-thirds of them — have approved resolutions for a constitutional amendment to limit income taxes. You might think that Con-

gress would have to call the convention to amend the Constitution.

But meantime, 11 states have turned around and rescinded their approval; and governors of two other states have vetoed the legislative acts.

Query: Have two-thirds of the legislatures applied to "call a convention"? Are all the state resolutions now in force? And if so, how does one make Congress call the convention? No Founding Father, it seems, had foreseen such a problem.

Even the U. S. Supreme Court in 1939 found such questions "political" and not "subject to judicial guidance."

Maybe each age should have such problems to think through. They might teach that even our best laws can stand study and improvement.

Note: California lawyers offer this column so you may know about our laws.

AFTER HOURS by John Morley

A Closer Look at Some Values

CHICAGO, Ill.—Some 200 years ago Thomas Paine observed: "What we obtain too cheap... we esteem too lightly... it is dearness only that gives everything its value." Especially since the end of World War II, the American people have been so self-indulgent, and with a minimum of effort and personal resourcefulness have enjoyed the highest standard of living ever recorded in the history of man. But in the process we lost our sense of values... and the thought of being provident and putting a fair value on a dollar has become a nightmare.

We have been living in a world where an Elvis Presley drew \$30,000 a week from a Las Vegas nightclub and \$50,000 for two appearances on the Ed Sullivan show, just to howl and shake himself to pieces before a so-called intelligent America.

We paid this character a million dollars a year... and equally huge amounts to others of his "entertainment" contemporaries... while compensating our scientists and our teachers just enough to keep body and soul together.

We have lost our values... and have the nerve to blame the president and the administration for our present economic dilemma. After a long period of prosperity, that has never been attained by any other nation on the face of the earth, we now find ourselves hysterically alarmed by a slight recession in our economy, which—regardless of so-called "professional opinions"—is simply nothing more than a period of adjustment and reflection from the enforced observance of un-

yielding laws of supply and demand... and nothing else. We simply have run out of steam in producing and buying.

If we were to subtract a normal unemployment population of some 2,000,000, we have at present about 3,000,000 unemployed in certain classifications of our economy, mainly aircraft, automobiles, appliances, etc., which simply overproduced the demand. We have expanded our plants... through a resourcefulness of which we may feel proud... to the point that our present great capacity has grown far beyond our needs. This does not necessarily indicate faulty planning, but rather the inability of human beings in charge of production and marketing to always determine accurately many months in advance just how millions of people will react at home and how conditions will abroad with the Communist running wild all over the world.

Probably in a few months, when we return to normal again in supply and demand, we will discover that even our present high capacity will prove inadequate. With our population growing there is only one way we can go... and that is up. Property, stocks, investments will go up and further inflation is inevitable so long as defense spending continues in the 40 billions in America.

We must be objective in any period of economic adjustment. Fewer goods are being produced now, to be sure and this cuts down jobs. But fewer goods also remain in inventories and one of these days soon there will not

be enough goods for every buyer who wants them. When that happens, the production lines will roll again and the recession will be behind us. We will reach another even greater period of prosperity until some future economic setback appears.

This periodic disproportion between the inexorable law of supply and demand will be recurrent forever and ever and don't let certain politicians tell you something different and blame the opposition.

Anyone who sells America short is either uninformed or stupid about the power of a free economy in a nation where so much invested capital is in the hands of so many people. Our capacity for recuperation is infinite, so long as we keep our heads.

The fortunes of tomorrow will be made by those who buy depressed stocks, businesses, stores — at sacrifice prices today, being disposed of by the crepe-hangers and the alarmists.

There is an intelligent antidote to this recession: a calm reflection upon all the prosperity which we enjoyed in the past 13 years... a sane and calm appraisal of the reasons for the present slowdown... and a firm resolve from those who are not unemployed and who have money to continue to spend it normally to maintain their accustomed standard of living. Just as fear begets fear... confidence begets confidence.

Americans need to get back on the beam... the beam of tested economic laws... that the best time to buy anything is in a depressed market.

THE SQUIREL CAGE by Reid Bundy

A Few Signs of the Times

Unless a sign painter has been on the job in the last couple of days, a pair of signs announcing the new shopping center at Hawthorne and Sepulveda refer to it as the "Del Amo Center." Things like that could be upsetting to Jaime Del Amo, president of the company bearing his name and a descendant of a long, long line of Del Amo forebears who made the name a byword in this part of the Golden West.

Proof that press agents are a breed unto themselves comes through a "puff" for Los Dodgers, the Southland's entry in the top echelon of baseball. It reads:

"The Los Angeles Dodgers, who have impressed all of Southern California's baseball addicts with their methodical businesslike manner on the diamond, get their first look... And it goes on and on. One place it says, "... Dodgers continue to impress baseball fans with their knowing savvy and exciting brand of play."

It's our private opinion that the Dodgers have created the most excitement within the four walls of the Los Angeles City Council chambers.

A telephone company spy swears he has the backing of a Methodist minister for the story about the country boy in east Texas who asked how to place a call over a town telephone. Accustomed to the old magneto type of instrument, he was puzzled as to how to reach the operator over a telephone without the crank.

"Knock on the wall three times and lift the receiver," his city friend mischievously said.

And from then on the rustic Romeo pondered on the acute hearing of an operator able to hear a knock that far.

Additional evidence in the "what-the-wives-have-always-suspected" department is this note in a bulletin put out by a local club (who had a convention on Catalina Island very recently):

"Delegates and alternates must attend two (2) business sessions of the convention in order to participate in the convention fund."

A small soiled youngster accompanied by his even smaller brother stopped an elderly lady as she was passing their house.

"For a nickel, I'll have my brother imitate a hen for you," said the boy.

"And how does he do that, my little man?" the lady asked. "Does he cackle?"

"No, Ma'am," the little boy replied. "None of them cheap imitations for us... I'll have him eat a worm."

Did you ever hear about the little old lady who bought 50 pounds of steel wool? She wanted to knit a stove.

A wag we know claims that sack dresses are all right for the women.

"After all," he explains, "it's like putting money in the bank—you don't have to see it to know it's there."

Which might be true, but money in the bank draws interest.

Middle age is when you feel on Saturday night the way you used to feel on Monday morning.

A cafe with an eye to the TV ratings has just posted a big sign that says, "The Bad Guys Went That-a-way. The Good Guys Eat Here."

Know what a parking lot is? It's a place where you pay 50 cents so you won't get fined a dollar while you go in to get a 10-cent soda that costs you a quarter.

A traveling salesman who stopped by here the other day tells us that a San Leandro music store has a sign

My Neighbors



"That's the trouble with creeping inflation—pops out in the wrong places, stifling imagination and incentive!"

STAR GAZER

By CLAY R. POLLAN

Your Daily Activity Guide

According to the Stars

To develop message for Sunday, read words corresponding to numbers of your Zodiac birth sign.

ARIES	22	1	11	21	31
TAURUS	21	2	12	22	32
GEMINI	20	3	13	23	33
CANCER	19	4	14	24	34
LEO	18	5	15	25	35
VIRGO	17	6	16	26	36
LIBRA	16	7	17	27	37
SCORPIO	15	8	18	28	38
SAGITTARIUS	14	9	19	29	39
CAPRICORN	13	10	20	30	40
AQUARIUS	12	11	21	31	41
PISCES	11	12	22	32	42

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